

College of Science and Technology

B.S. Biology - Life Science Teacher Certification



Degree offered at Stephenville Location

Course rotation and availability may vary based on location

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YEAR	FIRST SEMESTER			SECOND SEMESTER		
	TSU Requirement	TCCNS Option	Credit Hours	TSU Requirement	TCCNS Option	Credit Hours
FIRST SEMESTER	FYS 1100 TSU Core: CAO	PSYC or EDUC 1100 PSYC or EDUC 1200 PSYC or EDUC 1300	1	BIOL 1407	BIOL 1307/1107 or BIOL 1407	4
	BIOL 1406	BIOL 1306/1106 or BIOL 1406	4	CHEM 1412 TSU Core: Life & Physical Science	CHEM 1312/1112 or CHEM 1412	4
	CHEM 1411 TSU Core: Life & Physical Science	CHEM 1311/1111 or CHEM 1411	4	ENGL 1302 TSU Core: Communications	ENGL 1302	3
	ENGL 1301 TSU Core: CAO	ENGL 1301	3	TSU Core: Communications	1311, 1315 or 2302	3
	MATH 2412 TSU Core: Mathematics	MATH 2412	4	GOVT 2306 TSU Core: Government/Political Science	GOVT 2306	3
	Total Hours			16	Total Hours	

YEAR	FIRST SEMESTER			SECOND SEMESTER		
	TSU Requirement	TCCNS Option	Credit Hours	TSU Requirement	TCCNS Option	Credit Hours
SECOND SEMESTER	BIOL 2300	BIOL 2300	3	BIOL 3353	None	3
	CHEM 2323 & 2123	CHEM 2323/2123 or CHEM 2423	4	HIST 1301 TSU Core: American History	HIST 1301	3
	BIOL 4370 (Fall Only)	None	3	TSU Core: Language, Philosophy & Culture	See list of approved courses	3
	BIOL 3303 & BIOL 3103	None	4	BIOL 3407	None	4
	TSU Core: Social & Behavioral Science	See list of approved courses	3	PSYC 2308, PSYC 3303 or CHFS 3300	None	3
	Total Hours			17	Total Hours	

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	TSU Requirement	TCCNS Option	Credit Hours	TSU Requirement	TCCNS Option	Credit Hours
THIRD SEMESTER	EDUC 3321	None	3	BIOL 3449 (Spring Only)	None	4
	READ 3351	None	3	BIOL 3415 (Spring Only)	None	4
	PHYS 1401	PHYS 1301/1101 or PHYS 1401	4	PHYS 1402	PHYS 1302/1102 or PHYS 1402	4
	Advanced BIOL Elective	None	3	EDSP 4361	None	3
	ENGL 3309*	None	3	TSU Core: Creative Arts	See list of approved courses	3
	Total Hours			16	Total Hours	

YEAR	FIRST SEMESTER			SECOND SEMESTER		
	TSU Requirement	TCCNS Option	Credit Hours	TSU Requirement	TCCNS Option	Credit Hours
FOURTH SEMESTER	GOVT 2305 TSU Core: Government/Political Science	GOVT 2305	3	EDUC 4335	None	3
	EDUC 4331	None	3	EDUC 4690	None	6
	HIST 1302 TSU Core: American History	HIST 1302	3			
	BIOL 4398*	None	3			
	BIOL 4401 (Fall Only)	None	4			
	Total Hours			16	Total Hours	

*Designates Writing Intensive Courses

#See University Catalog or Academic Advisor for Applicable Courses

Degree Completion: 125 hours

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Degree Specific

- This 8 semester evaluation is contingent on the successful completion of each class. Please note this evaluation is designed with **prerequisites in mind.**
- **2.75 GPA** overall, in Biology and Education, is required for admission and must be maintained for program continuation and certification.
- Completion of at least 12 hours in Certification Area, with 15 hours of Math or Science, is required for admission to the Teacher Education Program.
- **No grade lower than a "C"** in Mathematics, Professional Education, Certification Area, Reading and English. A grade of **"B"** or better is required for COMM.
- **Students should apply to the Educator Preparation Program the semester they are enrolled in EDUC 3320. All students must see Dr. Nelson before applying.**
- Degree and certification requirements are subject to change.

Degree Information

- Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) provides a shared, uniform set of course designations for students and their advisors to use in determining both course equivalency and degree applicability of transfer credit on a statewide basis.

This 122 hour four-year degree plan provides a model for on-time completion of this TSU program using as many TCCNS courses as possible. The four-year plan also shows the first point when no TCCNS options are available for this program. See the current Undergraduate Catalog for course prerequisites. Course availability at TSU is subject to change, and the plan shown may change based on updates to TSU's course offerings.
- **Individual academic programs may require specific courses contained in parts of the University Core Curriculum as prerequisites for certain major requirements.** Students who wish to take courses that will fulfill both core and major requirements simultaneously should check with academic advisors for assistance in selecting core courses.
- Students meet the Writing Proficiency Requirement by completing two upper-level Writing Intensive courses in their major or courses designed for their degree program. Contact the Academic Advisor for additional information or questions.
- Residence is satisfied only by official enrollment in and completion of course work applied toward the degree requirements.
 - A minimum of 30 semester hours of work must be completed through upper level courses (3000 or 4000 level) delivered by Tarleton and 12 of these advanced hours must be in the major.
- A minimum of 45 advanced credits (3000/4000 level course work) are required and needed to satisfy degree requirements.
- How does duplicating a course impact my GPA?
 - A student may take a course a second or subsequent time at the same institution. The highest grade will be included in the GPA calculation.
- Can I take a course at another school and transfer it back to TSU?
 - If you plan to take a course at another school and transfer it back to TSU, you need to meet with both an advisor and Transfer Services. An advisor can tell you the correct course number to take and assist with completion of a Concurrent Enrollment Form if needed.